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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON U HLA SHWE

REF: STATE 111036

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SENT US BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH
OF U HLA SHWE WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND WAS SUBMITTED TO THE
DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. INCIDENTALLY, RE
PARA 3 REFTEL, MFA OFFICIALS ARE MAKING LITTLE EFFORT TO KEEP
PROPOSED APPOINTMENT A SECRET.

2. EMBASSY FILES DO NOT CONTAIN MUCH INFORMATION ON U HLA SHWE.
HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT POSITION IN 1969 AND RETIRED FROM THE
ARMY AS A LT. COL. ON MAY 9, 1972. WHEN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT
TOOK OVER IN 1962, U HLA SHWE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ARMY
OFFICERS ASSIGNED AS OFFICERS ON SPECIAL DUTY (OSD) TO PERFORM
CIVILIAN FUNCTIONS. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, HE WAS NOT
PROMINENT IN THE ARMY. HE IS REPORTEDLY A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING OF THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY (BSPP), BUT
IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SINCE HE
IS IN A MINISTRY WITH WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS NO DEALINGS,
NONE OF THE PRESENT EMBASSY STAFF AS YET HAS HAD ANY CONTACT
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WITH HIM.

3. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES, THE PROPOSED ENVOY
HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AND IS THOUGHT TO HAVE DONE A GOOD
JOB AT THE MINISTRY IN A DIFFICULT POSITION. HE IS SAID TO
HAVE A GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

4. U HLA SHWE IS MARRIED TO DAW TIN TIN SEIN. THEY HAVE
FOUR CHILDREN, THREE DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON. THE ELDEST
DAUGHTER IS MARRIED AND REPORTEDLY WILL STAY IN BURMA,
WHILE THE OTHERS WILL ACCOMPANY THE FAMILY TO WASHINGTON.
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